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Revision of Okinawa Housing Requirements

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1. It is believed that requirements for American family housing at the proposed Okinawa station cannot be reduced. It is certain that staffing the proposed Bureau will be a more difficult problem than any hitherto encountered by FBIB, and probable that exclusion of American employees' families would result in sub-standard operation largely nullifying the investment in the station.

2. This condition may not necessarily apply to foreign national employees. Although it will undoubtedly make recruitment more difficult, an attempt can be made to confine the projected foreign national staff to single personnel. A requirement of ten bachelor quarters may therefore be substituted for ten family units if the latter cannot be constructed within funds limitations.

3. It is believed impracticable to house bachelor personnel in barracks-type buildings for the following reasons:

- a. Irregularity of duty hours consequent upon twenty-four hour operation of the station would preclude regular accommodation at the Air Force mess.
- b. Accommodation of foreign nationals at the Air Force mess would present a problem.
- c. Accommodation and protection of women would be more difficult.
- d. Limitation of bachelor personnel to a single barracks-type room would be destructive of morale and make satisfactory recruitment impossible.

4. Requirement for quonset housing for single personnel may be somewhat reduced, however, by assigning two employees to the large bedroom in each quonset and by reducing the size of the living-room to provide a fourth bedroom. Under this arrangement each quonset would house five employees.

5. Revised requirements for staff housing may therefore be stated as follows:

Family quonsets
Quonsets altered as above for single personnel

TOTAL

Such a revision reduces the original requirement
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6. It is emphasized that downward revision to this minimum requirement is not desirable, and is to be made only if unavoidable.

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"During the past few days, following the announcement that the United States forces have tested new weapons somewhere, there has been a new series of rumors about an improved type of the atomic weapon that once ruined Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Some who have given detailed information on the subject have implied that the United States is thereby safer than ever, while others have pointed to the added danger every nation runs in a future war. That has been the attitude toward the atomic bomb and atomic weapons ever since the world learned of the new mass destruction weapon after the Hiroshima bombing."

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